

Alabama that has given out \$500 bonuses to all their 500 employees as a direct result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Russell Lands in Alexander City is the first company in my congressional district to distribute bonuses as a direct result of the tax overhaul.

The historic tax reform legislation recently signed into law by President Trump is helping companies and hard-working families in Alabama and across America. Thanks to tax reform, U.S. companies are paying more than \$3 billion in bonuses, and over 3 million workers have received a bonus or a pay increase because of the tax cuts.

I am proud of Ben Russell and his company for leading the way on this, and I am thrilled that his employees are receiving this extra money. This bonus is a car payment, a new washing machine, or savings for school. This bonus represents opportunity, and I don't think you would ever hear the employees at Russell Lands calling their bonus "crumbs."

#### LOCAL BENEFITS FROM THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, last week I received a letter from Frank Suits, Jr. Frank is the president and CEO of Suit-Kote Corporation, a family-owned, multigenerational paving company located in the 22nd District, in Cortland, New York. He wrote to share the impact that the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will have on Suit-Kote's nearly 800 families.

As a direct result of the lower income tax brackets included in the tax cuts legislation, Suit-Kote employees receive an automatic 2 percent increase in their take-home pay in 2018. This increase means about \$1,400, on average, in the paychecks of each hardworking family.

Suit-Kote's 401(k) plan has also increased by 11.5 percent and totals more than \$56 million. This means that each individual employee saw an average increase of more than \$6,400 in their 401(k) savings plan.

In direct response to the new tax law, Suit-Kote Corporation has announced plans to match the Federal tax cut and provide its employees with a 2 percent retroactive pay increase. They also plan to accelerate its 401(k) contribution for 2018 by 4 months to provide employees additional funds in their retirement accounts.

The benefits are not crumbs. These are actual results involving real people.

Small businesses like Suit-Kote are proof that delivering desperately needed tax cuts are the most effective way to improve the lives of New Yorkers, not Albany's oppressive tax-and-spend, cronyist policies.

#### RECOGNIZING WESLEY MONUMENTAL'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church in downtown Savannah, Georgia, just off of Calhoun Square.

On January 19, 1868, 54 people formed the original congregation, meeting in an old school building. This small congregation formed the very beginning of the church that today is a monument to John and Charles Wesley, the founders of Methodism.

Construction on its current design began in 1875, and finances were contributed from across the world, truly making this a church that belongs to all methodists no matter where they are from.

Through a yellow fever epidemic, two fires, and more, the congregation and its gothic-style building have endured. Today, around 500 people worship each Sunday and enjoy services that embody a rich music heritage at Wesley Monumental and some of the best sermons in town.

This current congregation truly has a great responsibility to care for this historic place. I am confident that they are up to the task.

On a personal note, Mr. Speaker, my wife and I have been members of this church since 1980. We have raised three sons in this church, and it has truly been a blessing to my family.

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#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF EMMA PRIMAS

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a sense of sadness but with joyful noise, if you will, to celebrate Mrs. Emma Primas, 112 years old, who passed away last month in the arms of the comforting Lord and her family.

Mrs. Primas was a historic figure. She was someone who lived through the suffragette movement; lived through World War I; was a street car operator in San Francisco; the head of nutrition for the schools of San Francisco; a businessowner in Houston, Texas, where she owned a store and was able to provide for others who could not pay for the food.

She paid poll tax to vote. She provided for her grandchildren. She loved her wonderful daughter and her wonderful grandchildren. She became an icon in our community. People flocked to her because she was alert and bright, and she could tell us the history not only of her life but of this Nation.

How wonderful it was for her to be able to vote for the first African-American President. When I hosted her in Washington with President Barack Obama, she said it was the greatest moment in her life. Obviously, I know the love of her children was even greater, but she was so excited.

And when, of course, she met the former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, she was rejoicing as well.

To all of her wonderful grandchildren, I know that Saturday at the Community of Faith, February 10, we will celebrate her life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in a moment of silence in honor of this great American, Mrs. Emma Primas, 112 years old. Though she has gone home to glory, she has celebrated her life as a great American and a great patriot.

#### AMERICA NOW KNOWS

(Mr. GAETZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, America now knows the truth. The Democratic Party hired the Perkins Law Firm. The Perkins Law Firm hired the Fusion GPS company. Fusion GPS needed two things: fake dirt on Donald Trump, and they needed a way to inject that fake dirt into the bloodstream of our intelligence community. So they hired Christopher Steele. And then they went and hired Nellie Ohr, the wife of senior Justice Department official Bruce Ohr.

Now, Bruce Ohr's portfolio included counternarcotics and antidrug work. But all of a sudden, after his wife gets hired from the money that you can trace back to the Democratic Party, Bruce Ohr starts taking counterintelligence meetings, meeting with Glenn Simpson and Christopher Steele, before and after the election.

What should enrage the American people is the notion that cash at a political party could ever be convertible to a warrant to spy on political enemies in the United States of America.

That is what we are fighting against. That is what is at issue. That is why we are going to do everything we can to hold the bad actors accountable and then institute reforms so that this type of thing never happens again.

#### IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TAYLOR). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SOTO) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month, I first would like to take a moment to remember a hero of the civil rights movement in central Florida.

Harry T. Moore was born on November 18, 1905. He was an African-American educator, a pioneer leader of the

civil rights movement, and founder of the first branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the NAACP, in Brevard County, Florida.

Harry T. Moore and his wife, Harriette Vyda Simms Moore, who was also an educator, were the victims of a bombing of their home in Mims, Florida. On that fateful Christmas night in 1951, he died in an ambulance on the way to the hospital in Seminole County, while she died January 3, 1952, at a hospital also in Sanford, Florida.

Forensic work in 2005 to 2006 resulted in the naming of the probable perpetrators as four Ku Klux Klan members, all long dead by the time of the investigation.

The Moores were trailblazers as the first NAACP members to fight for civil rights, and, unfortunately, were murdered as a result of their activism. Moore has been called the first martyr of the early stages of the civil rights movement.

Mr. Harry T. Moore and Harriette Vyda Simms Moore, we salute and honor you.

**SALUTING AND HONORING CAPTAIN KEVA HARRIS**

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month, I want to recognize Captain Keva Harris, born in Bartow, Florida, and raised in Haines City, Florida, in a family that stressed community involvement.

While in high school, Ms. Harris worked with her grandmother to raise funds for band instruments and school trips. After her high school graduation, she started studying tae kwon do, opening a school for the Oakland community with her future husband, Ricky.

She attended Polk Community College, and was hired as Haines City's first African-American female officer in 1993.

While on the force, Captain Harris attended Warner University, graduating with a bachelor's degree and an MBA.

She also attended the University of Phoenix, graduating with a master's in science and criminal justice.

She is also the first Black woman in the city's history to hold an administrative position with the police force, but always coming back to community involvement, she became commander of the community service division in 2015.

Harris became a lieutenant in 2006, and later that year was promoted to captain.

In addition to her police duties, Ms. Harris is a longstanding member of the Haines City branch of the NAACP, which her mother-in-law served as a longtime president.

Captain Harris is a member of the Northeast Revitalization Group, an organization that serves the Oakland community with neighborhood cleanup, a Christmas breakfast, a local museum, and the city's annual Martin Luther King, Jr., parade.

She is also part of the Unity in the Community, started by a group of local

pastors that give back to the community through backpack drives for schoolchildren, holiday turkey giveaways, and a health fair.

She is a member of the New Beulah Missionary Baptist Church.

Captain Keva Harris, we salute you.

**SALUTING AND HONORING THE AUSTIN FAMILY OF LAKE WALES, FLORIDA**

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month, I want to recognize the Austin family of Lake Wales, Florida.

James P. Austin, Jr., was born in 1919. He served in the United States Army as a staff sergeant during World War II. Mr. Austin served as the Lake Wales NAACP president for over 33 years, founding the branch along with his wife, Jeresa Austin, and Reverend W.J.H. Black.

During his tenure, both Austins were instrumental in the sit-ins and swims as far away as Ocala and St. Augustine in the 1960s, as well as the integration of the Polk Theatre in Lakeland in 1976.

Mr. Austin was elected to the Lake Wales City Commission, vice mayor, and became the first African-American mayor of Lake Wales in 1987.

As well as a civil rights leader, Mr. Austin was a major developer in Lake Wales, building many of the homes on the northwest part of the city, and had a community center named after him.

Jeresa lived for about 4 years after her husband's death, serving as a teacher in Polk County schools.

James' brother, Reverend Allen Austin, was a longtime pastor of the First Institutional Missionary Baptist Church in Lake Wales, and for the past 5 years has served as pastor of the First Baptist Hilltop Church in Frostproof.

James' sister, Lula Jones, was born in 1925 in Lake Wales, Florida. After graduating, Ms. Jones worked as a housekeeper and, along with her brothers, was a member of the Lake Wales branch of the NAACP.

Ms. Jones is involved with the American Legion Post 71 Auxiliary in Lake Wales, supporting veterans in the community.

Ms. Jones said of her family's service to the community: "We remember how it was back in the day and always worked to make it better for our children."

Ms. Jones is highly regarded as a pillar of the community. For that, we salute the Austin family.

**SALUTING AND HONORING DR. BARBARA M. JENKINS**

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month, I want to recognize Dr. Barbara Jenkins.

Dr. Jenkins is the superintendent of Orange County Public Schools. She is a recognized education leader, who has been dedicated to serving the needs of students for over 30 years.

In January 2017, she received a presidential appointment as director of the National Board of Education Sciences. She serves on the executive board of directors of multiple councils in the central Florida area.

Also in 2017, she was named the Florida Superintendent of the Year, and she was one of four finalists for the national title. The Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents named her Hispanic-Serving School District Superintendent of the Year. The Florida Association for Career and Technical Education named her CTE Superintendent of the Year.

Under Dr. Jenkins' leadership, the district won the prestigious 2014 Broad Prize for Urban Education, which earned a half a million dollars for student scholarships.

The district also received the Governor's Sterling Award in 2014 and 2015, and the Sustained Excellence Award in 2017.

Deeply engaged in the community, Dr. Jenkins serves on the board of directors of United Arts of Central Florida, Orlando Economic Partnership, Florida Hospital, Central Florida Commission on Homelessness, and the Orange County Youth Mental Health Commission.

For that, Dr. Barbara Jenkins, we salute you.

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**SALUTING AND HONORING LAWRENCE EPPS**

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month, I want to recognize Lawrence Epps.

Lawrence Epps moved to Lake Wales with his grandmother when he was 12 years old. As a Boy Scout, he and his troop shoveled out the graves, quickly changed into their uniforms during the funerals, then changed again and dashed back to the cemetery to cover the graves back up, just as a young boy.

About 4 years ago, he began driving the ambulance on calls while also working for James P. Austin Construction Company, preparing the newly built homes for occupancy. An alumnus of Roosevelt High School, he transferred to Lake Wales High School in his senior year in 1969, the first year that the schools in Polk County were integrated.

Epps completed his associate's degree in mortuary science at Miami-Dade Junior College in 1973, and returned to Polk County serving as a special deputy with the Polk County Sheriff's Office from 1974 to 1980. Epps, who was barely 26 when he began Epps Memorial Funeral Home in 1976, has served the bereaved of the community for over four decades.

In 2013, the State organization named him Mortician of the Year, which Tommy L. Hayes, president of the Florida Morticians Association, says is an honor bestowed by Epps' peers.

Two decades later in 1996, Epps achieved a personal goal when he was ordained a minister through the Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention.

Mr. Epps has been president of the Roosevelt Alumni Association since 1978, an organization that helps raise money through scholarships and school

supplies for students of Lake Wales. He also is a member of the Lake Wales Chamber of Commerce and has been a member of the board since 1998.

Epps has said that the mortuary business is a lot of hard work and dedication, but the rewards that come with helping people get through a difficult time are great. He is a firm believer in the adage, "The village raises the child," and plans to continue giving back to his adopted home for many years to come.

And for that, Mr. Epps, we salute you.

#### SALUTING AND HONORING RUSSELL DRAKE

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month, I want to recognize Russell Drake.

Russell Drake is the president of the Orange County Democratic Black Caucus. He is a Christian man, community activist, engineering professional; and he attended Howard University with a focus in systems and computer science.

Upon finishing school, he moved to Orlando, Florida, where he has worked as a systems engineer at two Fortune 500 corporations over the last 15 years.

Outside of work, Russell has a focus and passion for uplifting the community, leading him to be a very active member in the Orlando metropolitan area through individual and group efforts of service.

On his own accord, Russell is a supporter of various youth programs, mentoring activities, food drives, homeless empowerment initiatives, voter action rallies, and civic and political awareness causes.

Mr. Drake is part of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida, Central Florida Urban League Young Professionals, National Pan-Hellenic Council of Metro Orlando, NPHC, the NAACP Orange County Branch, the National Society of Black Engineers, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and the Democratic Black Caucus of Florida.

Mr. Drake's active nature has earned him appointments to the African American Advisory Board of WESH 2 News Orlando and to the Boy Scouts of America, Whitney M. Young Council.

In spiritual life, Mr. Drake is a member of the Saint Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church where he serves on the trustee board, usher board, praise and dance team, and men's choir.

Last but not least, Mr. Drake regards his lovely family to always come first. For that, Mr. Drake, we salute you.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF RECY TAYLOR

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month, I want to recognize Recy Taylor.

Recy Taylor was a 24-year-old African American in 1944 when she was kidnapped and raped maliciously by six White men in Abbeville, Alabama.

The NAACP sent a young activist, Rosa Parks, to investigate this travesty. Like so many other crimes involving African-American victims in this era, this crime was never brought to trial.

After reporting the crime to local officials, Mrs. Taylor was intimidated to recant by vigilantes, but she did not. Even after an all-White, all-male jury dismissed the first case after 5 minutes of deliberation, Recy Taylor, with the help of Rosa Parks and the NAACP, continued to organize and form the Committee for Equal Justice for the Rights of Mrs. Recy Taylor.

This committee had 18 chapters across the Nation and included activists such as W.E.B. Du Bois, Mary Church Terrell, and Langston Hughes. The committee lobbied Alabama Governor Chauncey Sparks until he called for another investigation.

In the documentary, "The Rape of Recy Taylor," Mrs. Taylor said: "... they didn't try and do nothing about it. I can't help but tell the truth of what they done to me."

Mrs. Taylor's acts of courage were one of the catalysts that led to the modern-day civil rights movement. She was also recently referenced by the famous and world-renowned Oprah Winfrey in her "Time's Up" speech and will forever be memorialized as a result.

Many of the members of the committee went on to plan and lead the Montgomery Bus Boycott as well.

Today, I posthumously honor this long-term Winter Haven resident in my district, Recy Taylor, for her act of courage and bravery, and for that I recognize you, Mrs. Taylor.

#### HONORING DESMOND MEADE

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month, I want to recognize Desmond Meade.

Desmond Meade is a formerly homeless returning citizen who overcame many obstacles to eventually be the current executive director of the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, chair of the Floridians for Fair Democracy, chair of the Florida Coalition on Black Civic Participation, and Black Men's Roundtable.

Desmond is a graduate of the Florida International University College of Law. As president of the FRRC, which is recognized for its work on felon disenfranchisement issues, Desmond led the citizen's initiative to allow Florida voters to decide to end the disenfranchisement and discrimination against people with felony convictions, create a more human reentry system that will enhance successful reentry, reduce mass incarceration, and increase public safety by empowering those impacted by our criminal justice system.

Desmond spoke before national organizations, such as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Bread for the World, on the challenges of returning citizens as well.

Desmond recently orchestrated a historic meeting at the White House between returning citizens and the President's administration. He was recognized as a foot soldier on the Melissa Harris-Perry show on MSNBC.

Desmond recently successfully got a restoration of rights amendment onto

the ballot which gives Floridians the right to vote to end this legacy of Jim Crow laws in the South that bar felons from restoring their rights after they have fulfilled their sentences and met their debt to society. We are one of only four States left with this terribly discriminatory law.

Desmond is married and also has five beautiful children, and for that, Mr. Meade, we honor you.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 4708. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue Department of Homeland Security-wide guidance and develop training programs as part of the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign, and for other purposes.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 534. An act to prevent the sexual abuse of minors and amateur athletes by requiring the prompt reporting of sexual abuse to law enforcement authorities, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at 9 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3890. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting an updated Strategic Plan for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation covering the period 2018 through 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 306(a); Public Law 103-62, Sec. 3(a) (as amended by Public Law 111-352, Sec. 2); (124 Stat. 3866); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3891. A letter from the Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Federal Housing Finance Agency's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2018 — 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 306(a); Public Law 103-62, Sec. 3(a) (as amended by Public Law 111-352, Sec. 2); (124 Stat. 3866); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3892. A letter from the Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Kentucky Regulatory Program [KY-256-FOR; OSM-2012-0014 S1D1S SS08011000 SX064A000 189S180110; S2D2S SS08011000 SX064A000